

House Resolution No. 2770

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the First Baptist Church in California, Missouri, which will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary on September 6-7, 2008; and

Whereas, the First Baptist Church of California was established on August 16, 1833, twelve years after Missouri officially became a state with thirty-seven charter members and has grown to a present total membership since of 910 members; and

Whereas, first known as Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church of California built its current sanctuary in 1922, with additional buildings constructed in 1964 and 1997; and

Whereas, throughout its rich history, the First Baptist Church of California has ministered to the spiritual needs of people in its community, state, and nation through missions participation and giving, including current partnerships in New Orleans, Puerto Rico, and West Africa; and

Whereas, the congregation of the First Baptist Church of California has faithfully served the nation through patriotic service, with members having served in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the War on Terror; and

Whereas, the First Baptist Church of California has received the spiritual guidance of 43 pastors throughout its history, including its current pastor the Reverend Greg Morrow, whose tenure is the longest pastoral tenure in the history of the church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Pastor Morrow and to the entire congregation of the First Baptist Church of California upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the First Baptist Church.

Offered by _____
Representative Kenny Jones
District No. 117

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2770, adopted May 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker